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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 04651

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, PFOR, WB, UK, FR, US

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CORRIDOR CLEARANCE FOR GOODYEAR
AIRSHIP

REF: BONN 3965

1. UK CIVIL AIR ATTACHE HANLEY INFORMED EMBASSY MARCH 14 THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HMG TO WITHDRAW HIS APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF A FLIGHT THROUGH THE CORRIDORS BY THE GOODYEAR AIRSHIP EUROPA. LONDON POINTED OUT THAT THE AIRSHIP BEING A SLOW MOVING CRAFT WOULD AROUSE SUSPICION OF CONDUCTING RECONNAISSANCE. SINCE PURPOSE OF FLIGHT WAS "NINETY PERCENT ADVERTISING" AND SINCE ALL THAT WOULD BE GAINED WOULD BE THE SETTING OF A PRECEDENT OF DOUBTFUL VALUE, HMG WILL NOT APPROVE THE FLIGHT.

2. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW HOW UK REACHED CONCLUSION THAT PURPOSE OF FLIGHT IS NINETY PERCENT ADVERTISING.
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EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT FLIGHT IS LEGAL AND HAS A LEGITIMATE PURPOSE AND COULD BE APPROVED. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE REALIZE THAT, BECAUSE THIS WOULD BE A "FIRST" FOR AN AIRSHIP IN THE CORRIDOR AND OVER BERLIN, THE BRITISH ARE JUSTIFIED IN RAISING THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITY. IF WE ARE TO ASK THE UK EMBASSY TO TRY TO PERSUADE LONDON TO REVERSE

ITS DECISION, WE WILL NEED STRONG ARGUMENTS NOT ONLY
ON LEGALITY BUT ON POLITICAL ACCEPTABILITY.

3. WE WILL MAKE NO REPLY TO UK EMBASSY PENDING
DEPARTMENT REPLY TO REFTEL.
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